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RESPONSE TO NONFINAL ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, please consider the following.

A petition to extend the time to respond up to 19 April 2004 is being provided herewith, which is the first business day after Saturday, 17 April 2004, along with a check in the amount of the requisite fee. Please charge any additional fees that may be due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 20313-1450 on April 19, 2004.

Signature of Registered Representative:

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Date of Signature: 19 April 2004

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend Claim 6 as submitted in the following claim listing.